

**May 18, 2023 MEETING MINUTES OF THE
PARKS, RECREATION, & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Commission (PRCA) of the City of Farmington met in a regular session on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 6:18 p.m. at the Farmington Civic Center, 200 W. Arrington, Farmington, NM. Roll call was taken with attendance as follows:

Members Present: Debora Cutler, Chair; George Golombowski, Vice Chair; Vicki Campbell; Ryan Davis; Ken LaCasse; Evan Noel and Carla Stimac.

Members Absent: Patricia Baca; Larry Hilliard; Melissa Mortensen; Leslie Thompson;

PRCA Staff Present: Natalie Spruell, Interim Director of PRCA; Michelle Bowman, Administrative Assistant; and Chris Jones, Golf Course Manager

Guest(s): None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deb Cutler called the PRCA meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2023. A motion was made by Carla Stimac and seconded by Vicki Campbell to approve the minutes; upon vote, the minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

A. OPEN MEETINGS ACT RESOLUTION

Chair Cutler recognized Ms. Spruell who discussed the open meetings act resolution which establishes a regular meeting day, time, and place for the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Commission pursuant to the City Council Resolution No. 2013-1466 as ratified. Ms. Cutler asked for a motion to approve the resolution. A motion was made by George Golombowski and seconded by Ken LaCasse. Upon vote, the resolution was unanimously approved.

B. GOLF FEES

Chair Cutler recognized Ms. Spruell to discuss the golf fees. Ms. Spruell introduced Chris Jones, Golf Course Manager who would also be presenting. Ms. Spruell and Mr. Jones provided a presentation to discuss the proposed increase of golf fees as follows: \$2 for green fees, \$3.00 for golf cart fees, and \$50.00 for annual passes. The presentation showed side by side comparisons with golf courses in San Juan County, Durango and Cortez, Colorado, and Albuquerque, New Mexico. After discussion of the fees, Ms. Cutler called for a motion to accept proposed fee increases. Evan Noel moved that the PRCA Commission accept the proposed golf fee increases as presented and Vicki Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chair Cutler recognized Ms. Spruell to present the department report. Ms. Spruell gave the floor to Mr. Jones to provide the board with an update on the Golf Courses. Mr. Jones reported on the recent project updates to the Pinon Hills Golf Course which included remodeling of the clubhouse, restrooms, and

kitchen. Further upgrades were made to the irrigation systems, installing a polymer lining with a 50 year guarantee of no weeds, and installation of colored concrete cart paths. In addition, the golf course has updated the fleet of golf carts which have technology to keep the golfers on pace and within the boundaries of the course. A short discussion ensued on the recent ribbon cutting and technology integrated in the new golf carts. Then the floor was turned back to Ms. Spruell for the remainder of the report.

Ms. Spruell stated that the department will be very busy with events and activities that will be held over the summer months at all facilities. She advised the commission that multiple projects have begun or will be completed in the next few days to weeks. These projects include: opening of Bisti Bay and Lake Farmington, Soccer field back stop installation, Tennis complex resurfacing, Recreation court partition, Softball field scoreboard replacements, and Sports Complex Field project.

Ms. Spruell informed the commission about future projects. These include: Five year master plan; Worley Field design phase; Skate Park with ADA accessible features; Gateway Park Phase 1A – Farmer's Market Pavilion; North Trail extension and River Wave Park on Animas.

Ms. Spruell concluded her report by answering questions from the commission. A question was asked about the Juniper Basin project and Ms. Spruell responded that it is in the conceptual design phase. She advised that she would bring the concept plans to the next meeting. Inquiries about the upcoming Riverfest event were answered by Ms. Spruell stating that due to rising waters on the river some event locations have been changed to higher ground for the safety of the public. The event will be held in the upper areas of Berg Park and Boyd Park. Questions about the Lake Farmington included the water play feature and lifeguards. Ms. Spruell responded that since the Lake will not have lifeguards, the water play feature would not be utilized; however, the Aquatics division is looking at a contract for an aqua park for 2024. An inquiry about the warranty of the new Golf Carts was answered by Mr. Jones who stated that the fleet of carts will be under a 6-year replacement plan where 10 carts will be rotated out for new carts.

COMMISSIONER BUSINESS - None


BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Mr. LaCasse moved to adjourn, Mr. Golombowski seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next meeting will be held June 15, 2023



Deborah Cutler, Chair



Michelle Bowman
PRCA Administrative Assistant